House Building Advance to employees of Central Government Consumers Co-operative Society Ltd.

1334. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not sanctioning the House Building Advances to the employees of Central Government Employees Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd., New Delhi by its management;

(b) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the CGECC Society authorities to make their employees eligible for such Advance and to treat them at par with other Government employees in this respect; and

(c) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Keeping in view the constraint of resources and to maintain parity with similar Organisations, it is not considered by the management at this stage to give House Building Advance to Employees.

(b) and (c) No Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society is an autonomous body registered under the Cooperative Societies' Act' and is administered by the Board of Directors as per provisions laid down under the bye-laws of the Society the employees of the Society can, therefore, not be treated at par with the Central Government Employees.

Approach Paper for the 8th Five year Plan

1335. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Approach Paper has been prepared for the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details of the Approach Paper in regard to different sectors and the investments proposed in them?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Approach Paper to the Eighth Five Year Plan is being formulated. It will then be placed before the National Development Council.

Functioning of Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Defence

1336. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what measures are being taken to improve the functioning of public sector undertakings under the Ministry and to adopt a new production strategy and what are public sector undertakings out of them which have idle capacity utilisation and cost and time over-runs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): The performance of the Defence Public Sector Undertakings is reviewed on a regular basis and the deficiencies in performance discussed and steps taken for their rectification. Emphasis is laid on achievement of targets relating to production, sales, profits, improvement in productivity levels, indigenisation, inventory control, capacity utilisation, and and time & cost over-runs in projects, etc. In particular to ensure continued capacity utilisation, the Defence PSUs have also been advised to gear themselves for exports. The percentages of capacity utilisation vary from Company to Company and from time to time. Of the eight Defence PSUs, capacity utilisation